

invention, namely:

Species 1, subspecies 1A, directed to the recording apparatus shown in Fig. 3;

Species 1, subspecies 1B, directed to the recording apparatus shown in Fig. 23;

Species 2, subspecies 2A, directed to the reproducing apparatus shown in Fig. 21;

Species 2, subspecies 2B, directed to the reproducing apparatus shown in Fig. 25;

Species 3, subspecies 3A, directed to the input transport stream shown in Fig. 15;

Species 3, subspecies 3B, directed to the input transport stream shown in Fig. 20;

Species 4, subspecies 4A, directed to the transport stream after re-encoding as shown in Fig. 16; and

Species 4, subspecies 4B, directed to the transport stream after re-encoding as shown in Fig. 19.

In response to the election requirement and the Interview of January 19, 2006, Applicant hereby elects subspecies 1A for further prosecution in this application. Applicant submits that claims 1-28 read on the elected subspecies. In view of this election, claims 29-53 stand withdrawn from further consideration in the present application without prejudice to Applicant's right to file one or more divisional applications directed thereto.

In there are any charges in connection with this response,

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the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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